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A PERSONAL NOTE: Charles Michelson sent me a list of 40 stations carrying his shows. If you want a copy, please send me a SASE...My next supplement of my collector's list is ready (#131-139)...Also, supplement #6 of Jack Benny Log is available...Also, supplement #3 of Circulating Shows Log is available. One SASE is sufficient for all or some of the above.

NETWORK RADIO LOG: ANOTHER MAJOR LOG REVISION is finished. Details on flyer enclosed.

CONVENTION '87: Plans are underway for our next convention. Dates are Oct 23-24 at Holiday Inn - North, Newark, NJ. Cost for Friday is \$27 for entire day and banquet (12 noon - 11pm); Saturday is \$36 (9am - 10:30pm). Daytime only for Friday is still \$7; Saturday is \$8. Rooms are still \$55/60. When you register, let me know room details. I will reserve them New special guests who are tentatively coming are Les with Holiday Inn. Tremayne, John Archer, Bill Zuckert, Joseph Kane (writer for Break the Bank), Joseph Kahn (pianist for Information Please), Alison Steele (NYC personality). We are just beginning to ask them. Many more guests are being considered. Shows being considered for re-creations are: Sherlock Holmes, Big Town, Quick as a Flash, Gangbusters, FBI in Peace and War, Thin Workshops considered are: Women in radio (Evie Juster and Adele Ronson are working on this one); Detective panel (Anthony Tollin); Quiz show panel (Tom Delong working on this one); science fiction panel (with Gary Yoggy), Halls of Ivy (with John Gassman); Fibber McGee & Molly (Charlie Stumpf); Gateway to Hollywood (with John Archer); AFTRA panel; computers (with Alan Chapman and others). Dealer's tables will still be \$25 each. will again have a program book with ads. Ad information is enclosed. All registration may be made now. Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. Make checks out to FOTR (Friends of Old-time Radio). If you wish to run a panel or workshop let me know.

CONVENTION '86: Video tapes of the convention are now ready. Send \$20 for one tape, VHS, 6 hours, to Don Ramlow, 4404 Pittsford Dr, Portage, MI 49081...Audio tapes are also ready. Send \$20 or 10 1800' reels (5 reels returned) to Bob Burnham, Box 39522, Redford, MI 48239. Two cassettes (\$3.00 each) with the three re-creations and Nick Carter discussion are also available.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: The most listened to network shows right now are Paul Harvey's news and commentary shows, distributed by the ABC Entertainment Network and CBS Radio Network's news. He captured four of the top 5 program spots with Paul Harvey News, Mon-Fri (8:30am NYT) topping the pack at almost 6 million listeners. Paul Harvey was first heard on the ABC network in 1950...Radio's top advertiser in 1986 was Anheuser-Busch; next 2 were General Motors and Miller Brewing. Procter & Gamble aren't even in the top twenty. They are #1 in tv, however, as mentioned last issue...WOR, to celebrate its 65 years as a radio broadcast leader, has put out a two-set album and cassette for \$12.99. To order either call 1-800-543-3300. It is put out by TeleDisc. Details on flyer...Alison Steele, 424 E 57th St, NYC, NY 10022 looking for copies of her radio show on WNEW-FM (NYC) from Ján

1968-Aug 1979. She was known as Alison Steele, the Nightbird...ZPPR Productions, 34 Gansevoort St, NYC, NY 10014 has produced LITTLE CHILLS, a series of mystery/suspense playlets for NPR Playhouse. For airing times check your local NPR station.

<u>PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED</u>: SPERDVAC Radiogram, Mar; articles on Sandra Gould and Bud Hiestand; also many pictures of last SPERDVAC Convention.. Apr; articles on Arch Oboler and Jack Armstrong... OLD-TIME RADIO DIGEST,

Mar-Apr, article on Aldrich Family.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES: The Mar/Apr issue of Mature Outlook had an article on OTR and I have received a lot of inquiries. Mature Outlook is put out by Mature Outlook, a member of the Sears family of companies. Several clubs are mentioned...TRIVIA CROSSWORDS by Walter Webb, Trilogy Press, Box 1442, Gracie Sta, NYC, NY, 10028; 1987; \$8.95; In 50 nostalgia-filled puzzles, Trivia crosswords has many clues pertaining to radio, tv, movies, songs, comics and other forms of popular culture of the past. Puzzles are not too hard, just a lot of fun...HEAVENLY DAYS by Charles Stumpf and Tom Price will be delayed a month. Special price for this book about FM&M will be extended until Jun 15th (\$12.95). Send to World of Yesterday, Rt 3 Box 263-H, Waynesville, NC 28786...CARLTON E MORSE has recently written 5 novels, the first of which is now available from his own company, Seven Stones Press, Star Route Box 50, Woodside, CA 94062. It is entitled "Killer at the Wheel" and is \$16.95. It is a newspaper tale which takes place in the 1930's. Two novels forthcoming are I Love a Mystery novels.

CONVENTIONS: Bob Burnham is trying to see if there is interest in a convention in Michigan, either the Detroit area or central Michigan. If interested let him know at Box 39522, Redford, MI 48239

SUSPENSE: My original SUSPENSE Log was written in 1971. I have now computerized it with many revisions and additions. It lists date, title, and up to two performers when known. The cost, with an introductory part listing directors, producers, musicians, sponsors and other important information is \$8.00. This includes a chronological list and an alphabetical list.

NEW SHOWS: Thom Salome, 196 Lawrence Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230 has acquired many new uncirculated shows. He will sell them at the convention but will trade them now to people with 2000 reels or more who send him their catalog. Thom also spends many hours at the New York Public Library and has computerized over 100,000 circulated shows with correct titles and/or dates. If you want info, call Thom at 718-438-3043 6-11pm weeknights; weekends up to 12 noon. Thom also has access to 400,000 movie stills. Thom is looking for others in Brooklyn who can help him computerize shows in return for free access to his collection.

LOGS: I still have copies of my log of Circulating Shows (\$17) and its 22-page supplement (\$8). Both for \$23. Supplement #2 and/or #3 available for a SASE. If you want Bob Burnham's "Listening Guide to Classic Radio Programs" also, all three may be purchased from me for \$33. (Guide alone is \$14.95)...RAY STANICH, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 is looking for a complete log of CBS Radio Mystery Theater...Also logs of Death Valley Days, YTJD, Phillip Marlowe, and Flash Gun Casey are in the works...Complete log of NICK CARTER is now ready for \$5.00, mailed first class. Send to Ray

Stanich (address above)...Much information about Tarzan with complete details on syndicated and network shows available from Peter Ogden, 8001 Fernview Ln, Tampa, FL 33615 for \$1.50. Peter is editor of ERBANIA (all about Tarzan) which is issued 4 times a year (\$6).

<u>DO YOU REMEMBER?</u> The NBC Chimes were conceived in 1926. The chimes were purchased form the Lesch Silver company. Early in 1927, chimes were used as station breaks for the first time. Previous to this time, the announcer at the conclusion of the program would read the call letters of all the stations carrying the program. When the network became larger, this process was abandoned and the chimes were substituted for the cue for local stations to give their own call letters.

In the beginning there were seven notes in the chimes Then in the middle of 1927, three notes were dropped and only four chimes were used, G C G E. This program continued until approximately 1930 when another note was dropped and the famous G E C notes became identified with NBC. On September 17th, 1932 at 10am, the famous NBC chimes were electrified and have been used in this fashion ever since. (from June 1979 issue of HA from a letter written by Horton Heath, director of information of NBC, on May 13, 1949.)

NEW ADDRESSES: HOTCH ALIPOUNARIAN, 1310 12th St, No. Bergen, NJ 07047.. FRED KORB Jr, 725 Cardigan Ct, Naperville, IL 60565...A PETER HOLLIS, Box 248, Pownal, VT 05261...TOM PRICE, 1185 Alta Mesa, Monterey, CA 93940

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: J R COOPRIDER, 509 Main, Clay City, IN 47841 very interested in ILAM...STEVE SOBAK, 23610 Brookdale Blvd, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082 has about 15 OTR memorabilia for sale, mostly badges (give-a-ways on Eddie Cantor Show, Buck Rogers, Little Orphan Annie, etc). Write him if interested...RAY WHITE, College of Sciences and Humanities, Ball State Univ., Muncie, IN 47306 is looking for all information/shows/etc about Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. She apparently had a 26-show series on Mutual in the 40's and Ray would like information on this and any other show they appeared on...AL ONIA, 312 Silverthorn Way NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3B 4E9...JEREMY ROTH, nephew of Mary Eastman, is looking for any information and shows with her in it. She was on Sat. Night Serenade from 1938-2/1/41. Send info to Jeremy at 28 Ridge Brook Ln, Greenwich, CT 06830. Dates of some other shows Mary was on; 3/29/36 Paul Whiteman; 2/19-6/11/39 Waltz Time; 12/6/40 Your Happy Birthday...CHARLES MICHELSON, 9350 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 is seeking quantity programs (52 or more episodes of Blackstone, Magic Detective and Pat Novak For Hire). rewards will be given to those supplying shows. Charles is syndicating 23 series to stations during the 1987-88 season including 52 half-hours of Red Ryder and 52 episodes of The Clock...ROGER NATTE, 2340-19th Avenue No., Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

GERALD KOEHLER, 2215 Eleventh St, Peru, IL 61354...ART PIERCE, 339 Nassau St, Rome, NY 13440...RON SAYLES, 4278 No. 53rd St, Milwaukee, WI 53216...MICHAEL BARSON, Pantheon Bks, 210 E 50th St, NYC, NY 10022 is preparing a book containing all the scripts of The Groucho Marx Show, Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel, which was on the Blue network, 1932-33. If anyone has one of the shows, he would like it...WALT PATTINSON, Box 4209, Hopkins, MN 55343...BOYD WEED, 5800 No. 19th Ave Suite #108, Phoenix, AZ

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BARBARA WATKINS, Box 561, So. Pasadena, CA 91030 looking OLD FRIENDS: for articles about, interviews with and photos of Sarah Fussell who played hundreds of little boys on radio...CORT PARENT is recovering from a stroke and would like to hear from his friends. He can't answer the letters yet. Write him at Westledge Nursing Home, East Main St, Peekskill. NY 10566. He is big Baby Snooks and Fred Allen fan, having virtually all circulated material... ED CARR, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, PA 19512 has about 150 OTR books for sale; also a reel of Cisco Kid with Jack Mather and Mel Blanc (\$10). Send Ed a SASE for the list...DEAN CASE, 731 Bruce St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 is selling 760 reels of programs, much of his collection. There are over 9000 hours, mostly 1 7/8 speed. Reels are \$2.50 each (most are 1800' reels). Complete collection is \$1900 or best offer. Send for details...GARY DUDASH, Box 192, Babylon, NY 11702 is selling 4 operating Sony TC-280 reel decks (Glass heads) and extra parts as a \$100 package. Gary will personally deliver to anyone in NYC of Long Island area. JERRY VAUGHN, 2 Pagoda Ln, Newark, DE 19711 is researching the career of singer Freddie Stewart who starred in movie musicals in the late 40's. Jerry would like any appearances of Freddie Stewart on radio or tv plus any recordings.

DAVE SIEGEL was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and will be in Brazil this summer. He will resume trading when he returns Aug 9...TOM HEATHWOOD, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 still has many ET's for sale. Send him a SASE for list...RAY NEMAC, 1424 Heatherton Dr, Naperville, IL 60540 looking for Radio Guides and similar magazines that have KFEQ program schedules prior to 1941; Feb & Mar, 1940 with WDZ schedules; ones prior to

June 1938 with KMA schedules.

IN FOND MEMORY: WALTER ABEL, Mar 26, 88; On radio was in Streamlined Shakespeare, This is My Best and Suspense (Quiet Desperation).. BOB HOWARD, Mar 17, 66; tv and radio comedy writer (Bob Hope)...RITA HAYWORTH, May 14, 68; was on 5 Lux and 1 Suspense (Three Times Murder)...VIRGINIA O'BRIEN, May 2, 90; legit and radio actress (Blue Ribbon Town).

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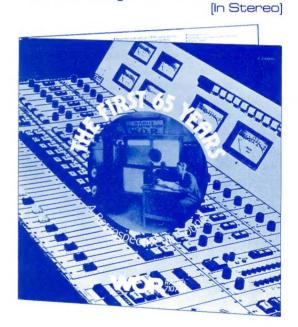
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